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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: DESIGNATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING: HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Agreement concerning the headquarters of the permanent secretariat of the Convention

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole following informal consultations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 5/COP.1 of 10 October 1997, by which it accepted the offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to host the secretariat of the Convention,

Also recalling that the headquarters agreement was signed on 18 August 1998 and that an exchange of notes forming part of the agreement took place on the same day,

Bearing in mind the note by the secretariat on the headquarters agreement 2/ and the statement made by the delegation of Germany on the successful conclusion of the headquarters agreement and its speedy entry into operation,

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2/ ICCD/COP(2)/8 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

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Noting that the Federal Republic of Germany has issued an ordinance, which became effective on 23 October 1998, implementing major parts of the headquarters agreement under German law, and further noting that article 3, paragraph 3, article 4 and article 5 of the headquarters agreement require ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany,

Noting with satisfaction that the said ratification is nearing completion,

Approves the agreement signed in Bonn on 18 August 1998 concerning the headquarters of the Convention secretariat, subject to its ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany and requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session on this matter if necessary.